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# STEVE BRAND — ALIAS THE DURANGO KID—AND HIS

THE DURANGO KID - AND HIS SIDERICK, MULEY PIKE, ARE ON THE STAGECOACH. WHEN THE STAGE JOLTS TO A STOP, THEY WILL FIND THEMSELVES FACING A NEW AND GRISLY HORROR—WHICH IS JUST THE FIRST ACT. TO THE GRIM DRAMA OF TERROR AND VENGEANCE THAT UNFOLDS WHEN THEY TANGLE SIX-GUNS WITH THE AREA OR ADMONDED TO THE DRAMA OF TERROR AND VENGEANCE THAT UNFOLDS WHEN THEY TANGLE SIX-GUNS WITH THE AREA OR ADMONDED TO THE DRAMA OF TERROR AND VENGEANCE THAT UNFOLDS WHEN THEY TANGLE SIX-GUNS WITH THE AREA OR ADMONDED TO THE DRAMA OF TERROR AND VENGEANCE THAT UNFOLDS WHEN THEY TANGLE SIX-GUNS WITH THE AREA OR ADMONDED TO THE DRAMA OF TERROR AND VENGEANCE THAT UNFOLDS WHEN THEY TANGLE SIX-GUNS WITH THE AREA OR ADMONDED TO THE DRAMA OF TERROR AND VENGEANCE THAT UNFOLDS WERE THE TANGLE SIX-GUNS WITH THE AREA OF THE AREA OF THE TANGLE SIX-GUNS WITH THE STANGLE SIX-GUNS WITH THE STANG









PINNED TO HIS CHEST. GOOD HEAVENS!



"THE NOOSE" IS A VIGILANTE LYNCH GANG THET'S BEEN TERROI ZIN' THUH TOWN FER A LONG SPELL. HARKNESS WUZ ON THEIR TRAIL -AN' HE SAID HE WUZ GOIN' TUH PUBLISH THUH NAMES O' THUH LYNCH LEADERS IN HIS PAPER TODAY I'D SAY HE JEST



WELL-I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO! HARKNESS WAS LIKE A FATHER TO ME. I'M CARRYING ON WHERE HE LEFT OFF! I'LL GET "THE NOOSE" IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

THAT'S A GOOD CHANCE IT WILL BE THE LAST THING YOU

MULEY AND MULEY AND
I WILL SIDE
YOU, GARNETT, YOU CAN
COUNT ON US! LET'S GET
INTO TOWN AND TAKE A
LOOK AT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE.





HEY, WHUT'S THIS? HVAR'S SOME TYPE THET HAVE BEEN WHAT AIN'T ALL SCRAMBLED HARKNESS UP. CAIN'T READ IT WAS THOUGH - IT'S SETTING UPSIDE DOWN WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED. HEY, GARNETT, CAN YOU BESIDES! READ THIS

THAT MUST

THIS IS THE WAY TYPE IS SET BY HAND-SURE I CAN READ IT. IT SAYS - " THE SNEAK LEADERS OF THIS HANGMAN MOR ARE ..







HEY! WHAT'S
GOIN ON
HYAR! T
HEARD A
SHOT! GARNET HERE AND
PESTROYED EVIDENCE
ON THE LYNCH GANG.

LOOK HERE, GARNETT — YUH'RE PLAYIN' WITH MIGHTY HOT WATER! I GOT TOO MUCH ON MUH HANDS TUH PROVIDE PER-TECTION FER YUH. MY ADVICE IS TUH LEAVE TOWN! IT'S DANGEROUS AROUND HYAR!



IN THAT CASE, SHERIFF —
WE'LL PROVIDE OUR OWN
PROTECTION, I'M PINISHING
THE JOB THAT HARKNESS
STARTED — TO EXPOSE THE
MEN OF "THE NOOSE"!



NO

I'M

OH. NO!







YOU'RE TOO LATE.

MISTER, "THE NOOSE

STRUNG HARKNESS





IT BEGINS TO MAKE SOME SENSE NOW, MEN! WE CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT! WE'VE GOT TO HELP PETE DE-FEND HIMSELF— AND MAYBE WE CAN UNMASK A FEW OF THOSE, LYNCHERS!





















HEY, WHAT'S UP!
I HEARD SHOTS
OUT HYAR AN
CAME UP FROM
TOWN AS FAST
AS I COULD!

TOWN AS FAST
AS I COULD!
HOW HE
AL WAYS
MANAGES TO
APPEAR RIGHT
AFTER THE
SHOOTING!

HERE'S OUR

SHERIFF AGAIN! SURE IS A MIGHT? HAD US A
BIT UV A
TASSLE WITH
"THE NOOSE",
SHERIFF, THEY"
WENT THATAWAY







MEAN, THERE'S MEAN-2 YET. AND WE MUST HAVE PROOF. WHAT WE HAVE TO TOOK OVER THE LYNCH VICTIMS! RIGHT! AND

**VUH** 

AND THERE'S ONLY ONE 'PLACE TO FIND THAT OUT - THE LAW OFFICE! COME ON MEN - WE'RE GONNA PO A BIT OF OWL-HOOT WORK OUR-SELVES!



A SHORT TIME LATER ... THE LAW OFFICE.

STEVE! THIS IS IT! THE GOLD MINES OF EVERY SINGLE VICTIM WERE TAKEN OVER EITHER BY THE SHERIFF OR



THEY'RE THE

IN TOWN

BECAUSE OF THAT! LYNCH

THIS IS DYNAMITE, STEVE! I'M GOING TO GET THOSE PRESSES RUNNING AGAIN. I'LL PRINT THIS INFORMATION IN TOMORROW'S EDITION OF THE

WHATEVER I

















AND NOW—MISTER LAWYER AND MISTER SHERIFF—YOU AND YOUR OUTFIT ARE HEADING FOR JAIL, AND WHEN A JURY GETS THROUGH WITH YOU -THOSE NOOSES OF YOURS WILL BE PUT TO GOOD USE!



### A FEW DAYS LATER ...

WELL, YOU MISSED MOST OF THE FUN, STEVE— BUT DURANGO DID A REAL JOB. THOSE LYNCLERS ARE FACING TRAIL MAYBE AND THE TOWN'S LONG TOWN'S FOR A NEW TUN NEXT TWE! SO LONG GARNETT YOU'RE GOING TO





SEE THAT SCARED KID UP FRONT? THAT'S MF - JIM BURLEIGH. SCARED? SURE WAS! WAS! A ROTTEN THING AND THERE AN! T A MAN WHO AIN! T SCARED. I RECKON I HAD A FEELING ABOUT WHAT WAS COMIN! BUT THEN - I HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THE PART THE DURANGO KID WOULD PLAY IN THE DURANGO KID WOUL



IT TOOK A COUPLE OF YEARS FOR ME TO FIGHT MY WAY BACK TO HEALTH, AND THEN ...

OVER NOW-BUT WHERE DO I GO? WHERE'S HOME? WHO AM I? IF I COULD ONLY REMEMBER! WHO-EVER I WAS - IS : GULPE - DEAD!



THERE'S ONLY ONE CLUE-THIS TORN SCRAP OF A LETTER THAT WAS FOUND IN MY RIPPED UNIFORM. ALL IT SHOWS IS PART OF AN ADDRESS - RED HOOK! AND THE WAY I TALK TELLS ME I



I'LL HEAD WEST... FIND REP. HOOK... MAYBE SOMETHING SOMEBODY IN THAT TOWN CAN TELL ME WHO I AM. I SURE WONDER DID I HAVE A FAMILY? DID I HAVE A - A GIRL ...?



HERE WERE MONTHS

SEARCHING FOR RED HOOK, BUT IN RED HOOK, THINGS WERE HAPPEN-

ING..."



THUH LAND'S

MAYBE YUH AIN'T GONNA BUDGE, BURLEIGH — AFTER I SHOOT YUH! I AIN'T GONNA STAND FER NOBODY FARMIN' THIS RANGE - LAW OR NO LAW! GIT READY TUH DIE, STRANGER!



DROP THOSE GUNS, BARON! I HEARD YOU WERE DURANGO! YIIIII ! TO YOUR TRICKS AGAIN! I GOT HERE JUST IN



THANK YUH KINDLY, DURANGO, FER YORE HELP. I GUESS I WOULDN'T BE NEEDIN' NO HELP IF ONLY MY SON JIM WERE BACK.



THEY REPORTED JIM AS "MISSING" IN THUH WAR. BUT MYRA AN "ME-WE JEST CAIN'T BELIEVE HE'S PAID. KEEP HOPIN' HE'LL SHOW UP SOME DAY. JIM WAS GOIN' TUH MARRY MYRA.



IN THE MEANTIME BARON AND HIS MEN HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE SALDON...

ONLY ONE THING FER US THIN DO, MEN! I'M GOIN' TUN HIRE A PASSEL O' GUNRIPERS, AN' DECLARE OPEN WAR ON THEM NESTERS AN' THUN DURANGO





YUH LOOK LIKE
VH KIN HANDLE
A SHOOTIN'-IRON, MISTER - AN' I NEED GUNRIDERS,
HOW ABOUT WORKIN' FER ME? I PAY DOUBLE
RIDIN' PAY AN' DOUBLE SHOOTIN' PAY. YUH LOOK
LIKE YUH COULD USE THUH MONEY — HOW ABOUT
T?



WHY NOT? HERE I'VE BEEN IN REP HOOK TWO DAYS AND NOTHING COMES BACK TO MENOTHING I'VE PER FIND MYSELF!
TWO DESPERATE—BITTER! ALL I KNOW THE ARW TAUGHT ME THAT.
THE ARW TAUGHT ME THAT.
MIGHT JUST AS WELL MAKE SOME MONEY OUT OF IT, I RECKON.







SHUCKS, WHAT'S IT TO ME ANYWAY! I'M NOTHING, NOBODY! AN OUTCAST— A LOST SOUL...

NO SHOOTIN' TONIGHT, MEN -WE JEST SET FIRE TO THUH BARNS AND SKEDADDLE! HIT AN RUN!

THE NESTERS DEFEND THEIR HOMES ...

THAT OLD MAN AND THAT GIRL! SOMETHING ABOUT HER FACE, HER EYES ... WHAT IS IT ... ???





THUH WAY THET HOMBRE RIDES THET HORSE-THUH WAY HE CRUNCHES UP IT BE HIS SHOULDERS!

POP! COULD

HONEY - IT JIST CAIN'T BE JIM. JIM NEVER WORE NO MUSTACHE AN' BEARD LIKE THET, AN JIM SHORE WOULDN'T BE RIDIN WITH VIGILANTE CATTLEMEN --SETTIN' FIRE TUH HIS OLE POP'S BARN! WE'RE JIST SEEIN' THINGS!

I SAW THE FLAMES-AND CAME AS FAST AS I COULD ... SO - IT'S OPEN WAR! WHICH

TOOK OFF OVER THET HILL DURANGO. MUST BE













THIS IS GREAT! DURANGO WAS THUH ONLY THING HOLDIN' US BACK- BUT NOW WE GOT HIM, WE KIN DO ANYTHING! WE'RE GOIN' TUH HIT AT THEM NESTERS ONCE MORE

TONIGHT, WHILE THEY'RE OFF BALANCE, THEY WON'T BE EXPECTIV' IT - AN' THIS TIME WE RUN 'EM OUT FER GOOD! THE 'EM UP!



WE'LL LEAVE THET NEW GUY BEHIND TUH GUARD DURANGO. KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON HIM, HOMBRE— HE'S SUPPERY!... C'MON, MEN—THIS IS IT! BUT DURANGO IS NOT UNPREPARED FOR THIS EMERGENCY. HE HAS A NEW RING-OF HIS OWN INVENTION: A SIMPLE TWIST OF THE FINGER AND IT POPS A TINY.

RAZOR-SHARP BLADE...!

IT IS NOW AN EASY MATTER FOR DURANGO TO CUT THROUGH THE ROPES AROUND HIS WRISTS...

I SURE SEEM TO BE MAKING A RAT OUT OF MYSELF - THIS DURANGO SEEMS TO BE FIGHTING ON THE RIGHT SIDE! BUT - I GUESS I'M IN THIS TOO FAR TO TURN











# AS RAIDER'S HOOFS THUNDER AWAY INTO THE DISTANCE ...

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GROAN! OH, MY HEAD— WHAT
A WALLOP! BUT—FUNNY
THING — MY HEAD SEEMS CLEAR
— THINGS COMING BACK...
COMING BACK...



THE WAR. EXPLOSION...
HOSPITAL ... REP HOOK ...
BARON... I - TEMEMBER!
THAT OLD MAN AND THAT
GIRL I SAW TONIGHT - IT
WAS - GLORY! I REMEMBER
EVERYTHING!



BUT-WHAT AM I DOING MERE? WHAT A FOOL! I'M ON THE WRONG SIDE! I SET FIRE TO MY OWN BARN-FOUGHT AGAINST MY OWN POP AGAINST THE GIRL I LOVE! JIM BURLEIGH, YOU'RE A ROTTEN FOOL!























ALL RIGHT, MEN-TIE 'EM AND HERD 'EM TO JAIL! THAT DOES IT, DURANGO THEIR GUNRIDING GOT AWAY! OVER!

AT LAST!

OH, POP -WHO ARE YUH? TELL ME QUICK-I DON'T BY JEHOSEPAT IF IT WASN'T FER THET BEARD, I'D ALMOST -ALMOST-. DON'T EVEN DARE THINK ...!

THERE'S A RAZOR IN MY SAPPLE-PACK, I'M GOING TO USE IT! GIVE ME JUST TWO MINUTES... TWO MINUTES ..







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